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Applicant(s) : Bick, et al.  
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For : METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF METAL POWDERS  
OR METAL HYDRIDE POWDERS OF THE ELEMENTS TI,  
ZR, HF, V, N, TA AND CR  
Art Unit : 1793  
Examiner : Weiping Zhu

June 8, 2009

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accompanying petition for a three month extension of time and amend the above-identified  
application as follows: